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Gulf Conflict

Cease-Fire Developments — Reacting to Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani's remark that Iran will not fire at Gulf targets if Iraq refrains from attacking tankers, the Iraqi culture and information minister stated that Iraq sees nothing new in the Majlis speaker's comments. Characterizing the Iranian official's statements as "ambiguous," the minister said that Iraq "absolutely rejects" any proposal for a cease-fire in the Gulf that does not fully guarantee Iraq's rights to use its ports and waterways. Iran must plainly define its stand on Security Council Resolution No 540, issued in connection with this issue, he asserted.

In another development, Iranian artillery shelled the Iraqi village of Sayyid Sadiq on 16 June, according to a message sent to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz and broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio. In his message, 'Aziz warned that continued violation of the agreement by Iran will compel Iraq to respond in kind. However, the chief of the Joint Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces denied that Iran had shelled or attacked residential areas in Iraq, according to IRNA. In another message to Perez de Cuellar, Tariq 'Aziz announced Iraq's acceptance of the measures proposed by the UN secretary general concerning UN supervision of the partial cease-fire and requested that the UN team be instructed to proceed to Baghdad "immediately." In a related report, KUNA announced that both Iran and Iraq have agreed to the setting up of UN observer teams.

Iraqi Threat — The Iraqi newspaper *AL-JUMHURIYAH*, according to INA, claimed that Iraq now has all the weapons required to deal a "crushing blow" to Khark Island and its installations, adding that Iraq will not hesitate to deal such a blow at the appropriate time.

Iranians Depart for Front — Large contingents from mobilization units and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps left for the battlefronts over the weekend, according to Tehran and other Iranian domestic radios.

Jordanian Assistance — Jordan would send troops to help Iraq "if necessary" and would provide similar assistance for the Gulf states if they requested it, King Husayn stated in a British television interview broadcast on 17 June.

Iran

More than 40 "rebel" leaders have been killed or captured, and a 2,000-square kilometer area in northwestern Iran, including 70 villages, has been "purged" of "counterrevolutionary rebels" in a five-stage operation, the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Kordestan Province announced in remarks reported by IRNA. Security in Kordestan has become "satisfactory," he added.

Lebanon

Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam arrived in Bikfayya where he met with President Amin al-Jumayyil and Prime Minister Rashid Karami, Voice of Lebanon radio reported on 18 June. An official Lebanese source disclosed that the Syrian-Lebanese talks would deal with security and political developments, according to Beirut radio, and Khaddam's visit is linked to Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad's efforts to follow up the agreements reached in his successive summit meetings with Al-Jumayyil. Meanwhile, in a *MONDAY MORNING* interview broadcast by Beirut radio, Karami dismissed the possibility of Syrian troops returning to Beirut, asserting that "there are no signs of such developments," which would be "undesirable and unwarranted." As for the deterioration of the security situation in Beirut in recent weeks, Karami blamed all the warring parties for the violence.

An officer in the French observer forces was injured as clashes continued across the contact lines in Beirut during the weekend, according to Voice of Lebanon radio. In the south, five IDF soldiers were wounded when a car exploded near their convoy south of the Az-Zahrani River, IDF Radio reported on 16 June citing a statement by the IDF spokesman. The car driver was killed in the explosion, and Israeli authorities are assuming that he was a Shi'ite terrorist on a suicide mission, the Tel Aviv paper *MA'ARIV* noted.

Syrian and Israeli forces in the Al-Biqa' valley again exchanged fire on 16 June, according to the Voice of Lebanon, and although military sources cited by IDF Radio denied that both sides were massing troops in the valley, Damascus radio spoke of "huge" Israeli reinforcements along the confrontation lines. The tension in the Al-Biqa' follows the 2-hour clash on 14 June which involved tanks and caused casualties on both sides, according to Radio Monte Carlo. Unofficial sources in Damascus cited by the radio charged that 3 Israeli tanks were destroyed and that 15 Israelis were killed or injured in the clash, while the Syrians sustained 4 casualties.

Commenting on the possibility of an Israeli-Syrian war in an interview reported by IDF Radio, Defense Minister Moshe Arens said that Syria's internal tensions could lead it into war, adding that Israel should make it clear to Damascus that the Syrian Army is not capable of standing up to a war against the IDF. Syrian press editorials reviewed by Damascus radio accused Arens of trying to mislead world public opinion to justify an imminent "aggression" against Syria and linked Arens' recent visit to Washington with Israeli military preparations. In a related development, a Lebanese magazine cited by KUNA claimed that Soviet Defense Minister General Dmitriy Ustinov visited Syrian positions in the Al-Biqa' valley on 10 June.

Maghreb Affairs

Algerian-Moroccan Clash — Algerian Army units on 15 June intercepted and engaged a motorized unit of the Moroccan Armed Forces which crossed the Algerian border in the direction of Bechar Province, killing 2 members of the unit, wounding 2 others, and capturing 31, according to Algiers radio. A statement issued by the Moroccan Information Ministry conceded that a "minor clash" occurred when a Moroccan unit entered Algerian territory "by mistake," adding that the Moroccan and Algerian interior ministers immediately held contacts to keep the incident "in its true dimensions."

Tunisian Ex-Minister Sentenced — The Tunisian Supreme Court on 16 June sentenced former Interior Minister Driss Guiga to 10 years' hard labor for "overstepping the bounds of authority" and committing acts harmful to the supreme interests of the country and to a further 5 years in prison for "illegal gains," and deprivation of cultural and political rights for 10 years, Tunis radio announced.

Pakistan-DRA

Pakistan issued a protest to Afghanistan over a 16 June bombing raid on a camp inside Pakistan which killed six Afghan children, Karachi radio announced. The protest was delivered to the Afghan charge d'affaires in Karachi together with a warning that Afghan authorities would be responsible for the consequences of any further violations of Pakistan's airspace.

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Security Forces Subdue Rebels in Herat, Ghowr
LD162047 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] The vigilant security forces of the country have recently crushed a number of counterrevolutionaries belonging to the Jami'at-e Islami band along with their four ringleaders, who were disrupting the peaceful life of the toiling people in Howz-e (Karbas), (Payanab), (Shalbafan), and (Baraman) villages in Enjil District, Herat Province, as well as in Nezam Shahid District, Herat Province. Approximately 21 counterrevolutionaries, along with their ringleader Esma'el, nicknamed Toran, were crushed and 40 more arrested.

A spokesman for the security forces in Herat Province said that as a result of these operations 96 weapons of various types were destroyed. 50 light weapons with 5,590 rounds of ammunition, 4 hand grenades, 1 rocket launcher with 20 rockets, 1 RPG machine gun, 1 truck, 10 motorcycles, 1 telephone, and a quantity of medicine belonging to these criminals were seized by the security forces.

According to another report from Ghowr Province, as a result of a successful operation by the security forces in (Popanak) Sang-e (Gaerd), Dahan-e (Dashak), and other villages in (Tolak) district, Ghowr Province, 85 traitors to the homeland and revolution were crushed. Three DShK's, 2 mortars, 4 light weapons, 1 ammunition depot, and 27 horses belonging to the counterrevolutionaries were destroyed.

A number of counterrevolutionary elements who, by terrorism and intimidation, were disturbing the toiling people in the environs of Kozara District in Herat Province were also crushed by the security forces. Three light weapons with a quantity of ammunition and ten antitank mines were seized from these criminals.

Siege Broken Around Herat City; Fighting Continues
BK161047 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] According to reports from Afghanistan, the fighting is still going on in the eastern part of the city of Herat. Afghan mujahidin have been able to break the siege after 3 days of severe battle forcing the Soviet-Karmal troops to withdraw from western Herat. They damaged 25 Soviet tanks and claimed to have shot down a jet bomber.

Following this the Soviet-Karmal troops launched a big offensive in and around Herat city on the 6th of this month. They had the support of large numbers of tanks and air cover. Over 1,000 civilians, including women and children and mujahidin, were martyred and about 1,500 houses destroyed during Soviet bombardment in surrounding villages, which remained under siege for about 6 days.

Mujahidin Operations in Lowgar, Kabul Kill 38
GF161248 Rawalpindi PAKISTAN TIMES in English 2 Jun 84 p 1

[Text] Reports received from Afghanistan have indicated that the Afghan freedom-fighters have killed 38 Soviet Karmal troops while 24 others have been injured in clashes in Lowgar and Kabul Provinces, says a radio report. They also destroyed two tanks, one oil tanker, and four military trucks and captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

The mujahidin also killed a number of Soviet soldiers at Pol-e (Ziadabad) in Lowgar in an attack on a detachment of Soviet troops.

Guerrilla Radio Details Raids on Qandahar, Kabul
GF161100 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Dari 1715 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Text] As a result of a sudden attack on military (?base 15) by our mujahidin brothers, some apostates were killed and several wounded. In these operations and [word indistinct] heavy casualties were inflicted.

Our mujahidin brothers carried out a series of guerrilla raids in the city of Qandahar and were able to inflict casualties on the enemy. In the (Pashtun Bagh) area, our mujahidin brothers destroyed an enemy armored tank and set fire to a jeep and its (?occupants). Another group of our noble brothers attacked a center of the Soviet usurpers and the mercenaries of the Khalq and Parcham factions in the Shikarpur Darwaza area and were successful in killing at least 17 of the ignoble enemy's soldiers. In these heroic operations, one enemy armored tank was destroyed. According to reports received, the Soviet occupation enemy bombed the environs and villages of Qandahar in retaliation. This led to martyrdom and injuries to many of our defenseless Muslim compatriots and to extensive damage to their cattle and fields. It is said that the enemy bombings are aimed at forcing the rural population to evacuate the area and to leave the villages empty for enemy (?occupation).

In continuation of the atrocities of the Soviet Red forces, military aircraft bombed (Ilal) and (Sarjangal) districts, resulting in martyrdom of a number of our civilian compatriots.

Our brother mujahidin tracked down an espionage center of the Khalq and Parcham factions located near the Kabul public park. The planted a bomb and incendiary material which exploded in this center. In this operation, four of the regime's elements were killed and considerable damage was done to the center.

In an ambush on the road to Kabul, our brother mujahidin were successful in destroying an enemy tank and a motorcycle. The occupants of the tank were killed or wounded. Our brother mujahidin carried out another ambush at night on the Pol-e Safid (?road), killing or wounding a number of the Karmal mercenaries. In this operation, a military vehicle of the enemy was fired upon and set on fire by our brothers.

Further Reports on Sectarian Strife, Center's Moves

President Addresses Nation

BK171613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1500 GMT 17 Jun 84

[President Zail Singh address to nation — recorded]

[Text] Mr dear countrymen, while talking to you my heart is full of sorrow and anguish. For quite some time reports about some events in Punjab had been coming. The gurdwaras [Sikh temples] which are centers of spiritual peace and human brotherhood are meant for all. Unfortunately, some abrasions occurred in recent time.

The gurdwaras came under the control of extremists, and even office bearers responsible for management of gurdwaras felt helpless before the extremists. The persons who had the management of holy places in their hands cannot escape the responsibility for the happenings, because they gave all sorts of liberties to extremists and exercised no control over their activities. The holy places became the refuge for extremists and misguided elements. As a consequence, extremists indulged in murder, loot and arson. They brought miseries to Punjab. The victims were both Hindus and Sikhs. These included prominent journalists, religious preachers, scholars, political leaders — even farmers and workers.

Extremists went to the extent of claiming the lives of great scholars like Singh Saheb Giani Pratap Singh — former jathedar [group leader] of the Akal Takht [highest seat of Sikh religion]. He was an eminent personality of the 20th century. He was also an acknowledged writer, thinker and minister of the gurus' [Sikh spiritual heads] gospel. His life was taken because his ideas did not conform to those of extremists. Those in charge of the administration of Punjab cannot be absolved of the responsibility in this matter.

The government had most reluctantly sent the security forces. Two religious and political leaders surrendered themselves to the security forces in the interest of maintaining the sanctity of the holy places. If extremists had also surrendered, the sanctity of the religious places would not have been disturbed and the subsequent sad events could have been avoided. I say with anguish in my heart that we should follow the correct path in the face of these sad events.

A nation is sometimes beset with such circumstances. Then its patience, statesmanship, and its leaders are on trial. I appeal not only to Sikhs but all my countrymen to consider these sad events and see that never in future unlawful arms and items not sanctioned by Sikh traditions should enter the gurdwaras.

It is a matter of satisfaction to me that the scripture and the sanctity of Shri Harimandir Saheb [main Sikh shrine] remain intact. I have been told by the officials and men of security forces that they had been told not to fire in the direction of Shri Harimandir Saheb even in the case of certain death. In the operation some people had been killed, including officers and men of the security forces. Patience and farsightedness are the need of the hour. We have also to ensure that such a sad situation never occurs again. We have to maintain the unity and integrity of the country. We have also to endeavor to maintain friendly and harmonious relations among our people. My agony is all the more because I am the representative of the whole nation. I am grateful to all my countrymen for having reposed this trust in me. It is my duty to look after all the states and territories of the country, and to share sorrow with the people wherever such events take place.

I especially want to remind the Punjabis that they have common tradition, heritage, and common (?history). They have been sharing the same food, the same air, and have common joys and sorrows. We have to fill the breaches in our minds and have to march together and shall have to look after interests of the whole country and nation. I am confident that all of us — government as well as the people — will make sincere efforts in this direction. Never again should we allow such circumstances to develop which create disunity among us. We have to strengthen the unity of our people.

The holy book [of Sikhs] Guru Granth Saheb teaches compassion, service, sacrifice, and universal brotherhood. We have to foster mutual love and affection. Not only Sikhs but people professing other religions also have faith in gurbani [Sikh teachings]. The Sikh gurus thought of the country as a whole. They travelled to each and every part of the country. Every inch of this country belongs to all of us, whether we are Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, Jains, Buddhists, Hindus, or others. We have to heal the wounds and maintain the sanctity of all religious places. We must remember the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh that one who loves humanity loves God. Jai Hind! [Hail India]

Security Increased for Gandhi

BK160735 Hong Kong AFP in English 0717 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Excerpt] New Delhi, June 16, AFP — Security has been tightened around Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's office and official residence amid reports that some Sikh soldiers who deserted after the Army assault on Sikhism's holiest shrine last week were trying to infiltrate the capital, press reports said.

Meanwhile, authorities in Punjab ordered security forces on alert as Sikh militants planned a "protest day" for tomorrow over what they regard as the desecration of the Golden Temple in Amritsar. According to official figures, 492 Sikhs, including fundamentalist chief Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, and 84 soldiers were killed during the Army assault on the sprawling Golden Temple complex. The unofficial death toll was put at around 1,000.

In New Delhi, newspaper reports today said authorities had deployed heavily-armed commandos outside Mrs. Gandhi's office in the massive British-built federal government headquarters. Official sources quoted in the reports said similar precautions were taken outside the prime minister's residence.

The tightened security followed reports that some Sikh deserters had either infiltrated or were trying to sneak into the capital. It also came in the wake of a reported threat on Mrs. Gandhi made by a Sikh separatist leader, Jagjit Singh Chauhan, in a recent interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

The *INDIAN EXPRESS* newspaper meanwhile reported from Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana States, that Punjab authorities had also beefed up security, including stepped-up patrols by security forces, to cope with tomorrow's Sikh protest day.

Sikhs, across India and abroad, are to hold "mass prayers," wear black turbans or dress in black tomorrow in protest at the Army assault on their shrines.

Gandhi Justifies Temple Storming

BK161610 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] The prime minister has said that the terrorists who conducted a campaign of murder and loot from the Golden Temple complex had to be ousted from the temple in the interest of the Sikh religion itself and the country's safety. Mrs Gandhi said she was sure that Sikhs all over India and even those who have made their homes elsewhere will recognize the harm being done to them by the terrorists. In a letter to a 10-year-old girl from Canada, who had written to Mrs Gandhi on the violence in Punjab, the prime minister pointed out that highly colored and exaggerated reports had been circulated about the action against terrorists. She made it clear that Harimandir Saheb is unscathed. The Akal Takht suffered some damage, but the main portion of the shrine and the most treasured religious articles in all parts of the Golden Temple are intact.

Recalling that terrorists had killed hundreds of Sikhs and Hindus, Mrs Gandhi said their actions were calculated to break up India. She pointed out that security forces which took part in the operations included Sikhs as well as people from other religions. They had strict orders not to aim their guns at Harimandir Saheb. But she pointed out that terrorists did not hesitate to fire upon the security forces from inside the shrines. The prime minister said our men did not fire back even to save their lives.

In an interview to a foreign radio and television network, the prime minister said that the majority of the Sikhs are supporting the Sikhs because they have realized the agitation in Punjab had interrupted their progress. Sikhs are an integral part of the Indian nation. Their religion is an Indian religion and they are fully Indians. Mrs Gandhi pointed out that Sikhs participated wholeheartedly in every sphere of activity in the country. The prime minister said only when the government felt the activities of the terrorists were affecting the integrity of the country it had to act, and it was not an easy decision. She described this decision as a painful one, and said a temple or a church is a place of prayer. But as a foreign journalist has put it, the Golden Temple had been converted into a command center of carnage.

'Foreign Involvement' Seen

BK170944 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] The prime minister said that the action of the security forces in Punjab became unavoidable when hopes of tackling the problem through talks with the Akali Dal did not materialize.

In an interview with the Radio Canada, Mrs Gandhi expressed pain and anguish at the casualties caused by the Army action. She pointed out it became a question of dealing with antisocial and antinational activities in the interest of safeguarding national unity. Mrs Gandhi said that the government was convinced that there was foreign involvement in the extremist movement in Punjab. Fuller evidence [is] yet to come out before the powers concerned could be identified, since in such situations the countries may not act directly.

Asked about normalization of Indo-Pakistani relations, she said: We believe strongly in better relations with our neighbors and we are doing everything possible to achieve our goal. However, it does not mean that if something is wrong, we should not say so.

Foreign Links 'Being Ascertained'

BK160601 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] In Punjab, 34 more terrorists have been arrested in the last 24 hours following the continued security operations. An official spokesman said in Chandigarh this morning that 3 guns, 3 pistols, and 50 rounds of ammunition have been recovered from them. Of them, 12 have been arrested in Jullundur. They have confessed to have committed a number of murders in (Panga) and (Lagun) areas. More arms have also been receovered from the Golden Temple complex, including a self-loading rifle. More passports have been found from the complex.

PTI, quoting official sources, says some documents with coded messages have been seized by the security forces during the operations in the Golden Temple complex. They are relieved to have been received by the terrorists from some foreign countries. The messages are being decoded. The links of the terrorists within India and abroad are being ascertained.

The night curfew has been further extended in all districts with increased relaxation during the daytime. Traffic is moving freely. Ninety buses left Amritsar for various places including two to Delhi and seven to Chandigarh.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet committee on political affairs held a meeting in New Delhi last evening to discuss the Punjab situation. The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, presided. It is understood to have reviewed connected matters.

Gandhi Requests British Help

BK170327 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Excerpt] India has sought the cooperation of the British Government for halting the activities of Indian separatist groups in that country. The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, has sent a personal letter in this regard to the British prime minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Concerning the receipt of the letter, a spokesman said in London that Mrs Thatcher will soon be replying to Mrs Gandhi.

Commonwealth, Irish Visitors Need Visas

BK161250 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] Visas are made compulsory for all Commonwealth citizens for entry into India from Monday onward. British and Canadian citizens were already brought under visa regulations from yesterday.

A press note issued in New Delhi today says this will be applicable for citizens of Ireland also. Citizens of all Commonwealth countries and of Ireland who are already in India without visas should contact the Foreigners Registration Officer and obtain a residential permit for continuing to remain in India. They are advised to do so within 15 days, the press note adds.

Party Leaders Condemn BBC Broadcast

BK160556 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] The Congress-I general secretary, Mr Chandu Lal Chandrakar, has deplored the BBC for its broadcast of a statement by Dr Jagjit Singh Chauhan preaching violence. The Bharatiya Janata party general secretary, Mr Advani, has also described the BBC interview as outrageous.

Punjab Congress Party Leader Killed

BK161322 Hong Kong AFP in English 1305 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Excerpt] New Delhi, June 16 (AFP) — Suspected Sikh militants today shot dead a Congress Party leader in Punjab as security forces prepared for a protest day tomorrow over what the Sikhs regard as the desecration of the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

In New Delhi, security was tightened around Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's office and official residence amid reports that some Sikh soldiers who deserted after the Army assault on Sikhism's holiest shrine last week were trying to infiltrate the capital, press reports said.

Hardayal Singh, the Congress district chief in Jullundur District, was killed by three men who chased him into a shop and pumped bullets into his body at Goraya town today, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported. Three others were wounded.

The *INDIAN EXPRESS* newspaper meanwhile reported from Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana States, that Punjab authorities had beefed up security, including stepped-up patrols by security forces, to cope with tomorrow's Sikh protest day. Security forces have arrested 46 suspected militants throughout Punjab in the past 24 hours, PTI said. Large caches of arms and ammunition were seized, it added.

Politicians on 'Hit List'

BK151221 Hong Kong AFP in English 1203 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Text] New Delhi, June 15 (AFP) — Sikh militants have threatened to kill two Hindu opposition leaders, both former government ministers, a political party announced today in the first such development to be reported after the recent Army assault in Punjab.

"It is not Assam where the movement was crushed, mind it...now you are on our hit list and your days are numbered," the militants told former Prime Minister Charan Singh and former Foreign Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee in a letter jointly addressed to them. Mr Singh's Lok Dal (People's Party) released a copy to the press here.

The Lok Dal and Mr Vajpayee's Bharatiya Janata Party (Indian People's Party) have formed a two-party grouping called the National Democratic Alliance. The two leaders have been strong critics of the fundamentalist Sikh religious leader Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who was killed during the Army's assault on the Golden Temple last week, as well as the Sikh movement for demanding autonomy for Punjab. They regarded Mr Bhindranwale as the "fountain head of Punjab extremism."

Mr Singh and Mr Vajpayee reportedly have received other such letters and have been given special security by the authorities.

The letter referred to Assam State, where natives have been leading a four-year campaign against what they say are five million "illegal" settlers from Bangladesh and Nepal. There has been a lull in the campaign recently, after 3,000 people were reported dead in clashes there in February last year.

Police in New Delhi today foiled an attempt by 13 Sikhs to lead a "martyrs march" to Amritsar, Punjab, where 492 suspected militants were killed in the Army action inside the Golden Temple. Police arrested the 13 and no violence was reported.

Isolated Sikh militants struck again in Punjab on Wednesday night after a two-day lull, press reports said today, as more Army deserters gave themselves up elsewhere in the country. Militants killed three people and injured one, set fire to a railway station and attempted to burn down a post office, reports said.

The Indian Army, meanwhile, captured another 85 extremists, including eight hard-core followers of the late Sikh militant leader Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, bringing the total held to more than 3,000, the UNITED NEWS OF INDIA (UNI) agency said.

Meanwhile, Punjab continued to ease back to normal as the curfew in force in five of Punjab's 12 districts was relaxed yesterday for several hours, while regular bus services and train service were resumed throughout half the state.

Official sources in Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh State, said 37 Sikh deserters from the Army, including four non-commissioned officers, surrendered at various police stations in the state yesterday, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported. They were part of about 100 mutineers from the Sikh regiment

in Ramgarh, in Bihar State, yet to be accounted for after more than 500 men of a battalion mutinied on Tuesday, the agency said.

It added that the Army had been deployed at various road and rail checkpoints to arrest remaining deserters, who were once said to have been heading for Amritsar, the Sikh holy city.

The latest killings in Punjab occurred in Gurdaspur District in the north: Militants shot two people dead in Khud village, while another died when he was attacked with swords by two unidentified people in nearby Batala village, UNI agency said.

In Kapurthala District east of Amritsar, a shopkeeper was shot and wounded by unidentified gunmen when he refused to open his shop. In all three cases the attackers escaped.

The Army also seized more arms yesterday while searching houses in various parts of the state, the daily *TIMES OF INDIA* said. The latest haul included three Sten guns with 109 cartridges, one pistol with 25 rounds, and 42 spears and swords.

The Army stormed the ancient temple complex early last week to flush out Sikh militants using it as their headquarters for an often violent campaign for political and religious concessions for Punjab State.

The assault, which Sikhs regarded as a desecration, triggered a wave of violent Sikh protests and mutinies by some Sikh troops.

33 Suspected Terrorists Arrested

BK180619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 18 Jun 84

[Text] In Punjab, security forces yesterday apprehended 33 more suspected terrorists from different parts of the state. According to an official spokesman in Chandigarh, a large quantity of arms and ammunition and contraband were also recovered during the mopping-up operations. In Amritsar, one person was shot dead when he tried to slip out of a cordon put up by the security forces.

Curfew has been relaxed in the city [of Amritsar] from 0500 in the morning to 2030 in the evening. The night curfew will, however, continue. The Army authorities have decided to sent teams of doctors to rural areas to provide medical assistance to the people.

In Ludhiana, business activity has picked up in the own, while in rural areas transplantation of paddy is going on in full swing. The district administration has made adequate arrangement for supply of essential commodities and agricultural inputs.

10 Arrested in Ludhiana

BK170926 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] The Ludhiana police have arrested 10 terrorists near Khanna on Friday night after an exchange of fire. According to an official spokesman, the police party on nakabandi [blockade] duty was fired upon when they challenged the group of terrorists moving in suspicious circumstances. The police returned the fire and captured 10 of them, while 3 managed to escape under the cover of darkness. One Sten gun, 303 rifle, 1 revolver, 1 pistol, 4 high explosive grenades, and over 200 rounds of ammunition were recovered from them, besides a number of empty cartridges. Meanwhile, the security forces recovered thirteen 303 rifles, 3 other rifles, two 12-bore guns, and about 1, 150 rounds of small arms ammunition from a house in a village near Batala in Gurdaspur District.

Bomb Blast Causes 22 Casualties in Assam

BK160904 Hong Kong AFP in English 0846 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] New Delhi, June 16 (AFP) — A bomb blast outside a cinema in Tezpur, Assam, killed one person and wounded 21 during a general strike called by anti-immigrant protesters, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported today. In Nalbati, one person was stabbed to death, while several cases of assault, intimidation, and stonethrowing were also reported during the strike which ended this morning.

PTI, quoting officials in the state capital, Gauhati, said that the powerful blast by a cinema in Tezpur town last night killed one person instantly. Nine of the 21 wounded were hurt seriously, it added. An undisclosed number of people were arrested for questioning in connection with the explosion.

Officials in Gauhati said the situation was peaceful today in the northeastern state, which borders Bangladesh, after yesterday's strike called by the All-Assam Students Union and Assam People's Action Council. The two organisations are heading a four-year-old campaign by native Assamese against illegal settlers from Bangladesh and Nepal.

In February 1983, the state erupted into violence when the natives complained that voters rolls for a state election were loaded with immigrants. A wave of bloodshed left around 3,000 peopel dead.

The strike was the first action in the campaign for about four months and contradictory reports were received about its the impact. Assam Chief Minister Hiteshwar Saikia told reporters in Gauhati yesterday that the strike was a "complete flop," saying that transport functioned in most parts of the state and attendance was normal in government offices. However, newspaper reports today said life was disrupted, with shops and business establishments closed and the roads mostly free of private vehicles. These reports said educational institutions and other public establishments were also closed. The *HINDUSTAN TIMES* said that the strike had "paralysed" normal life in Assam.

More than 300 movement activists were rounded up in a police crackdown on the eve of the strike. PTI, quoting a government spokesman, said that disciplinary action would be taken against administration officers and employees who did not work yesterday.

PRC's Zhao Ziyang Interviewed During Stopover

BK171516 Hong Kong AFP in English 1449 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Islamabad, June 17 (AFP) — Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang today stressed the "economic and technical cooperation between China and Pakistan," and said the two states "had established a relationship of mutual trust."

In an interview with Pakistani television at Karachi airport on a brief stopover on his way home after a six-nation Western European tour, Mr. Zhao pledged that "no matter what happens, China will always stand on the side of Pakistan and support its just cause."

His declaration followed reports from the United States that China had used U.S. technology to help Pakistan with its nuclear programme. The U.S. Government said yesterday that they were seeking clarification on its definition of nuclear non-proliferation before going ahead with moves to ratify a nuclear agreement signed by President Ronald Reagan during a visit to Beijing in April.

Pakistan has consistently maintained that its nuclear programme has no military aims, and an Islamabad daily newspaper, *THE MUSLIM*, has urged the Pakistani Government to pursue its nuclear policy without yielding to "pressure" from Washington.

Mr. Zhao also reiterated China's demand for a total withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan during today's interview.

He said total withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan was the only solution to the Afghan problem.

He had found identical views on the issue during his recent talks with West European leaders, he said, adding that China would continue its "moral and material support of the Afghan people" in their struggle against the Soviet intervention.

Mr. Zhao later arrived in Nanning, the capital of southern China's Autonomous Region of Guanxi, NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY said.

Yaqub Khan Rebuts Reports on PRC Nuclear Aid

BK180729 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 18 Jun 84

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan has denied the reports that Pakistan was receiving aid from China for development of its nuclear program. In an interview with BBC, he dismissed as fantasy the idea that Pakistan would benefit from the nuclear technology which China wants to buy from the United States.

The foreign minister said that the China-U.S. agreement signed in April is solely a matter between these two countries and that Pakistan has no connection with it.

Denies Punjab Involvement

BK171128 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Excerpts] The foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, left Islamabad this morning for Paris on a 2-week visit to six West European countries. Talking to newsmen at the airport, he said Pakistan has very close bilateral relations with France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and the Federal Republic of Germany.

When asked to comment on the Indian leaders' allegations about Pakistan's involvement in the Indian state of Punjab, he said we reject altogether all such allegations. Pakistan has issued a formal, clear, and firm rejection of these allegations. He hoped that in the interest of future good neighborly relations, allegations of this kind would not be made.

Protest Made to Kabul Over Air Raid Across Border

BK171038 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Six children were killed and one woman was injured when Afghan aircraft dropped bombs yesterday morning inside Pakistan's territory in Khyber Agency. At 0605 yesterday morning [0105 GMT on 16 June], two Afghan aircraft violated Pakistan's airspace about 300 yards inside Pakistani territory over the frontier post north of Landi Kotal and dropped seven bombs, of which four exploded. As a result, six Afghan [word indistinct] children under 10 years of age were killed and one woman was injured. These persons belong to a [word indistinct] camp just inside Pakistan's territory.

The Afghan charge d'affaires was called to Foreign Office this afternoon and a protest (?note was delivered to) him. He was told that the incident was all the more reprehensible since the victims were minor children. The charge d'affaires was warned that Afghan authorities must desist from these violations, failing which they would be responsible for any consequences.

This was the 28th violation of Pakistan's airspace committed by the Afghan aircraft during the current year. Pakistan's permanent representative at the United Nations has been asked to bring the details of the latest violation to the attention of the UN secretary general.

Briefs

New Minister of State — Dr Basharat Jazby was sworn in as minister of state for health, special education, and social welfare in Rawalpindi today. The president administered the oath. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 14 Jun 84 BK]

Egypt, Israel, Iraq Blamed for Fokker Hijacking

LD171729 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1640 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] According to a Central News Unit dispatch, today independent news agencies in their reports confirmed reports of the Western news agencies in hijacking of a small Fokker plane from over the southern coasts of our country and the welcome given by Cairo officials on its landing in Egypt. Some fresh information on this matter has drawn the attention of political observers. According to the AFP, this twin-engine Iranian plane, after its hijacking, landed in the Al-Aqsar military airport and is standing by.

The correspondent of the Central News Unit, in his report, adds: With International Jerusalem Day approaching, harassment by the Zionists, hypocrites, and other agents of the United States against the Islamic Revolution was expected. Last year as well, on the eve of International Jerusalem Day, a passenger airliner of the Islamic Republic was hijacked by U.S. agents and taken to Paris. Imperialism and international Zionism took similar actions on the eve of International Jerusalem Day to divert public opinion in the Islamic world from the need to struggle against international Zionism; the possibility of such actions by the enemies of the Palestinian hope and the Islamic Revolution exists.

On the other hand, a Central News Unit dispatch reported from Beirut that the Muslim Lebanese revolutionaries have issued a statement announcing that they will teach a new lesson to Zionism and U.S. imperialism on the eve of International Jerusalem Day. The correspondent adds: Egypt, Israel and Iraq have created a trilateral treaty against the Islamic Revolution, and among the measures adopted in this treaty are to fight against the Muslim revolutionaries of Lebanon and Palestine and to assist Saddam in his war against the Iranian Islamic Revolution. The hijacking of the Iranian twin-engine plane to Egypt was also performed within the framework of actions set up in this treaty.

UN Secretary General: Cease-Fire Observers Accepted

LD151745 Kuwait KUNA in English 1645 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Text] United Nations, June 15 (KUNA) — Iran and Iraq have agreed to the setting up of two observer teams to monitor the limited cease-fire between the two countries, the secretary-general said Friday. The three-member delegations would each consist of two members of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation [UNTSO] and one senior U.N. official, he said in a letter to the president to the Security Council. The teams have been established Friday, but will proceed to the respective country only on request by the governments, he said.

The nationalities of the team members have not been disclosed, and it could not be learnt from which country they would be operating. The mandate of the two teams would be to verify that the June 10 agreement between Iran and Iraq to halt air and military bombardments of each other's cities beginning midnight Monday.

In his letter, the secretary-general expressed satisfaction that there have not been any incidents so far this week. "The teams," the secretary-general said, "would report to me, and it is my intention to keep the Security Council informed of their findings as required and in a timely manner.

"I would, of course, request assurances from the two governments that they will provide the necessary conditions of safety for the teams while they are in areas subject to hostilities," Perez de Cuellar said.

The Security Council was scheduled to meet in private later Friday to discuss the matter.

Velayati Questions Sri Lanka's Palestinian Stance

LD162042 Tehran IRNA in English 1730 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 16 IRNA — Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati sent a message today to his counterpart in Sri Lanka questioning that country's previously announced stands in support of the Palestinian people's rights.

"In the past few years the Islamic Republic held the belief that the Government of Sri Lanka stood by its declared stands concerning support for the Palestinian cause and the realisation of the lost rights of the Palestinian people.

"Unfortunately, the recent decision by Sri Lanka in accepting the opening of an interest section of the regime occupying Al-Quds, which has always been and continues to be hated by the Muslim people of the world for its usurping policies, has caused surprise and displeasure and has brought this belief under question," Velayati said.

Velayati added that Sri Lanka's reconsideration of its decision would be a positive step in strengthening bilateral relations and in the solidarity of the world Muslims.

Earlier this week, the Islamic Republic protested the Sri Lankan Government's decision in a meeting between the Iranian ambassador to Colombo and the Sri Lankan President Jayewardene.

Pakistan's Yaqub Ali Khan Stops Over in Tehran

LD180253 Tehran IRNA in English 1609 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 17, IRNA — Pakistan's foreign minister Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan enroute to some European countries made a brief stopover at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport this afternoon.

The Pakistani minister was welcomed by Br. Besharati, a high-ranking Iranian Foreign Ministry official.

The two sides spoke on the issues of mutual interests between the two countries of Iran and Pakistan during the one-hour stopover.

Foreign Minister on War With Iraq, Indonesian Ties

BK150439 Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English 8 Jun 84 p 3

[ANTARA report]

[Text] The foreign minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. 'Ali Akbar Velayati, has reiterated his country's desire to enhance its relations with Indonesia in all possible fields which could be beneficial to both parties.

This was pointed out by Dr. Velayati in a special interview with ANTARA's correspondent Ismail Albanjar in Dhaka, Bangladesh, recently.

Foreign Minister Velayati was of the view that Iran-Indonesian relations had so far been good and friendly. The friendly relations between the two countries and peoples have a firm foundation which could be utilized to enhance the relations and cooperation, beneficial to both parties in various fields, he said.

He further said that one aspect of Iran's present foreign policy aim was to further improve friendly relations and cooperation with countries of the Third World, in particular among the Moslem countries, based on international law and the principles of Moslems' brotherhood. In this connection, Foreign Minister Velayati said, one of the things which could be done in the framework of enhancing relations between Indonesia and Iran, was extending the relations and cooperation in the economic field and trade.

Touching upon the current developments in the Persian Gulf, the Iranian Foreign Minister was convinced that there must be an end to every war. The only remaining question mark was how to end this war without taking legal steps against the guilty side, he said. "We have been forced to fight to defend ourselves against foreign aggression," Velayati said.

"In this case we are only defending ourselves and we are very desirous to live in peace in a peaceful atmosphere without interference in the internal affairs of other countries, based on mutual respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each other," he stressed. "We are convinced that if all parties keep to these principles, regional or world peace and tranquility could be realized," he added.

Interference in the internal affairs of other countries is contradictory to the Islamic Republic of Iran's foreign policy or its Constitution, Foreign Minister Velayati said. "We therefore refrain from interfering in other countries' internal affairs," he added. He continued to say that all accusations against Iran so far had their sources from the imperialists and Zionists and were intentionally launched to discredit Iran.

Touching upon the situation in the Middle East in general, the Iranian Foreign Minister pointed out that the Palestinian and Lebanese problems were the main problems in that region. He was of the view that the Palestinian people should be united and seriously launch a jihad to free their homeland from the Israelis.

On the situation in the Lebanon itself, he was of the view that the people of that country were demanding changes and were longing for a new order which was better suited to the conditions and interest of the common people. The people of that country were not prepared any longer to accept the old order and were now demanding changes in the form of a new order in government.

The old order, which was harming the Lebanese people, was a heritage created and left behind by colonizers, and the Lebanese people would like to bury it, Foreign Minister Dr. 'Ali Akbar Velayati said.

Prosecutor General Delineates Officials' Behavior

LD152021 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Excerpts] Ayatollah Sane'i, our country's prosecutor general, gave a speech before the Friday sermons. He said: All the efforts of officials should be directed toward serving in the interest of the oppressed and deprived people on the basis of Islamic principles and with high-mindedness and vision. If it turns out that the oppressed people like the officials, then the latter can feel proud; but if the opposite is true and those who are well off like the officials, then woe to these officials. If the situation were to occur wherein the hypocrites and the capitalists returned, and the behavior of the officials was such that the hypocrites and the capitalists were strengthened, then this would be a clear treachery.

The prosecutor general of the country warned: New suspicious moves have been started by the social parasites, big capitalists, oppressors, and land-grabbers in order to restore the society to its former state. These moves should be nipped in the bud as soon as possible.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Reelected Majlis Speaker

LD171033 Tehran IRNA in English 1025 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 18, IRNA — Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani was reelected as the speaker of the second term of the Majlis, here today.

In the open session of the Majlis votes were cast for election of the Majlis speaker, vice-speaker and secretaries. out of 189 votes cast, Hojjat ol-Eslam Rafsanjani secured 181 votes. Also, Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Yazdi and Ayatollah Rabbani Amlashi, with 123 and 110 votes respectively, were elected vice speakers and three others as commissionaires and six as secretaries.

Velayati, SAIRI Spokesman Call on President

LD180405 Tehran IRNA in English 1839 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 17, IRNA — Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati today met with President 'Ali Khamene'i and discussed with him the foreign policies of the country.

In another development, the spokesman for the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI), Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Baqir Hakim, met and conferred with President Khamene'i here this morning.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Issues Communiques

No 1,759

LD151801 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Communique No 1,759 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] During the past 24 hours, our stalwart and resolute combatants, supported by air cover from the selfless pilots of our Air Force fighter planes and air defense units, continued to defend their positions on all fronts. By returning fire and by defensive and harassing fire directed at enemy positions, fortifications, supply routes, motorized columns and patrols, they silenced the enemy fire and inflicted casualties and losses on Iraqi forces on every front. On the Piranshah and Sar Dasht fronts, over 25 enemy troops were killed or wounded, and at least 7 heavy or light weapons emplacements and an observation post were set ablaze and destroyed. On the southern and western fronts, sporadic exchanges occurred, the heaviest being at Sharhan exclusively. Along the fronts, our patrols continued their operations, carrying out reconnaissance and combat missions in all sectors.

The valiant Gendarmerie on the Abadan front returned Iraqi fire. They also subjected enemy positions and axes to shelling, thus gaining control over the Al-Faw-Basra axis and destroying one ammunition dump and seven troop bunkers and trenches, and killing a number of Saddam's mercenaries. In bombardment by Iraqi forces yesterday, part of Abadan hospital was damaged. At Khorramabad, seven of our dear compatriots were injured.

No 1,760

LD161708 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Communique No 1,760 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the southern operational theater yesterday, heavy arms exchanges occurred along the entire length of the front lines, those in the regions of Kushk and Zeydi being the heaviest. Continuing with the reinforcement and strengthening of their defensive positions, the Islamic combatants fired on concentrations of enemy troops, as a result of which a number of Saddamists were killed or wounded and one ammunitions depot was set alight and destroyed. Enemy military engineering works on the west bank of the Arvand Rud were also halted when fired on by our combatants, while one troop-carrying truck and eight slit trenches and foxholes were destroyed. In the northwest and western operational sectors enemy movements came under the control of the Islamic forces, whose timely fire disrupted or halted operations and deployments by Saddam's forces. Known enemy losses in the regions mentioned were one ammunitions dump, one mortar, and one troop-carrying truck.

No 1,761

LD171741 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Communique No 1,761 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] During the past 24 hours, exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons fire continued on all the fronts of the imposed war between our forces and the enemy.

In the Piranshah, Sar Dasht and Hajj 'Umran sectors, while silencing enemy fire the forces of Islam killed or wounded a number of enemy personnel. Exchange of fire was more intense in the Hajj 'Umran sector.

On the western and southern fronts, while maintaining their control over the sector and their superiority of firepower, our units continued strengthening and completing their defensive positions on the battlefronts. The exchanges of fire in the Kushk and Zeydi sectors were more intense.

In the Dehloran sector, Gendarmerie personnel destroyed an Iraqi loader together with a number of enemy personnel.

In the Arvand Rud sector, according to reports received from the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran, enemy losses and casualties were: nine light and heavy weapons emplacements destroyed and nine enemy personnel killed or wounded.

8 Iraqi Troops Killed

LD171915 Tehran IRNA in English 1806 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Bakhtaran, June 17, IRNA — Eight Iraqi soldiers were killed over the past 24 hours as the combatants of Islam fired on enemy positions in the Bakhtaran fronts. During fire exchanges between the two sides in the battlefronts of Nowsud, Darbandikhan, Sumar, and Naftshahr of the said theatre, three enemy lookout posts were demolished by the Iranian defenders.

Armed Forces Commander Denies Iraqi Town Shelled

LD171530 Tehran IRNA in English 1522 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 17, IRNA — The chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Brigadier General Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad, asserted here today that Iran has not shelled or otherwise attacked residential quarters in Iraq ever since June 12. Zahirnezhad, who was denying charges against the Iranian Government by Baghdad, which accused Iran of having shelled the Iraqi village of Sayyed Sadiq, termed Baghdad's claims as "utterly false and devoid of truth."

He added in a countercharge that despite a reciprocal move for halting attacks against population centres as of the said date, the Iraqi regime has rained artillery fire upon the Iranian city of

Abadan and its Khossrowabad District, and that such claims by Baghdad are meant solely to justify unwarranted attacks against Abadan.

Reports on Dispatching of Troops to War Fronts

2,500 IRGC Combatants Sent

LD161813 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] Following the dispatch of the combatants of Islam to the fronts of the war of right against wrong, this evening more than 2,500 combatants of the mobilization unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps from the 10th District of Labbayk ya Khomeyni [Khomeyni I Am Here] plan were sent to the warfronts. These combatants came from towns in the central province including Karaj, Varamin, (Shemiranat), Shahr-e Rey, (Eslamshahr), Firuzkuh, and Damavand and Ramadan combat units including the Fath-1, -2, and -3 Battalions of the Imam Hoseyn Garrison in Tehran.

Provinces Dispatch Large Groups

LD160744 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] Simultaneously with the self-sacrifices made by the combatants of Islam on the battlefronts between truth and falsehood, in the past few days a large group of the devotees of the mobilization force and members of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps from the provinces of Bushehr, Fars, Hormuzgan, Gilan, and Mazandaran, and the cities of Neyshabur, Arak, Ardabil, Gach Saran, Karaj, and Damghan have left for the fronts of the battle against the Zionist enemy.

Mashhad, Khorramabad Units Move Out

GF180607 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 18 Jun 84

[Text] The fighting youth of our country are continuing to join the forces of Islam at the war fronts on an even wider scale in order to ensure the clear and final victory of the Islamic forces over the Zionist aggressors. Yesterday zealots left for the war fronts from several regions of our country like pilgrims on their way to gaze at fair Karbala'. In this connection, some 50 groups from the mobilized personnel of the 2d sector of the Revolution Guards Corps of the Islamic Republic, more than 5,000 persons from the 9th sector, and thousands of persons from Mashhad and Khorramabad left for the line of action, shouting: War until the victory of the Islamic nation.

50 IRGC Companies Dispatched

LD171815 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Excerpt] In continuation of the movement by our combatant youths to join the forces of Islam on the fronts, this afternoon 50 companies [goruhan] from the Corps [Islamic Revolution Guards Corps — IRGC] and the mobilization forces of the IRGC left for the fronts of the war of right against evil from the Ghadir garrison [in Esfahan], the training center for the IRGC, in the second region of the country.

Fath-3 Forces To Be Dispatched

LD171226 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] A statement of the headquarters for the 10th Jerusalem Corps, while expressing gratitude to those brothers who took part at the Fath seminar, asks all the combative forces of the Fath-3, who took part at the seminar, to present theselves to the resistance centers of the mobilization between 18-20 June so that they can be allocated in the Ramadan battalions and dispatched to the front.

The statement also invited all the forces of the Fath-1 and Fath-2 and the combative veterans for the second-time dispatch who have not yet managed to register to present themselves at the above-mentioned centers. The date of dispatch will be announced later.

Kahnuj Guardsmen Sent Out

GF171754 Bandar 'Abbas Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] In order to grapple with the dying Ba'thist Party regime mercenaries and in order to support the combatants of Islam, in a magnificent ceremony yesterday afternoon more than a battalion of mobilized brothers and the heroic tribesmen of Kahnuj who had already had military training left for the fronts of right over wrong. According to the report by the Central News Unit in Minab, the Friday imam of Kahnuj, Hojjat ol-Eslam Darweshi, in a magnificent ceremony addressed the gathering of Friday imams and various sections of the Muslim and martyr-rearing people of this city on the subject of the imposed war and the high morale of the Islamic combatants in the fronts. Then the sacrifice-offering members of the mobilized personnel and the brave tribesmen of the region left for the front chanting the slogans of "War, war until victory," "O God, keep Khomeyni alive till the Mahdi revolution" in a warm sendoff by the people of Kahnuj.

Veterans Called Up for Redispatchment

LD171238 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] A statement of the Central Relief Headquarters of the reconstruction jihad calls upon all the forces who have been dispatched to the battlefronts of justice against injustice by this establishment in the past to present themselves to the Relief Headquarters of the reconstruction jihad throughout the country by 21 June in order to be organized for active participation in the battlefields of light against darkness.

Engineering Unit Departs for Front

GF160715 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] In continuation of the unstinting contributions by the hezbollahi nation to the fronts of the imposed war and in connection with the celebrations of "reconstruction crusade week" by the reconstruction crusade organization, the "Ramadan caravan," consisting of cash and other donations from the sacrificing people and also a complete engineering and logistics unit, including roadbuilding machinery, left for the fronts yesterday. The caravan departed following the Friday prayer ceremonies amid the fervor and enthusiasm of the Tehran congregation.

The dispatch supervisor of the reconstruction crusade organization spoke to our correspondent in this regard, saying: These donations have been collected by the hezbollahi nation and will be sent to all the operational axes in the west and south via the Karbala' and Nuh headquarters. He said: On the whole, these donations consist of pickup vans, ambulances, and engineering machinery including graders, loaders, bulldozers, mechanical shovels, pulleys, dumptrucks, grinders, water tanks, and various kinds of foodstuffs, as well as other provisions necessary for the fronts.

He added: In the wake of the U.S. threats in the Persian Gulf, the reconstruction crusade decided to dispatch a complete engineering unit to the Persian Gulf in accordance with the proper plan and with the aid of the people's donations. Therefore, these engineering facilities have been sent to the Nuh headquarters from the Shahryar reconstruction crusade.

Ayatollah Montazeri Donates Funds to Military

LD162103 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Excerpts] According to the Central News Unit in Qom, Ayatollah Montazeri has donated a sum of 40 million rials to meet the expense and financial needs of the blasphemy-fighting combatants of Islam. The money was put at the disposal of Rahmani, the official in charge of the mobilization forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. Announcing the news, this official said: His Excellency Ayatollah Montazeri, having noted the latest conspiracies of world oppression in the Persian Gulf region during his recent trip, stressed the need for a greater presence of combative forces on the fronts than ever before. His excellency said that with their presence on the fronts, our dear youths should realize that they can turn the hope of our enemies, who imagine that they can end the imposed war with an imposed peace in their own interest, to despair. Rahmani added: The other point was his excellency's repeated recommendations concerning the affairs of the combatants of Islam. His excellency emphasized the importance of taking care of the combatants and meeting their needs. On this basis, his excellency very kindly put 40 million rials at my disposal to be spent on the needs of those combatants who have an active presence on the fronts.

Ramadan companies, which were formed to go to the fronts, have been sent to the fronts of the war of light against darkness after formation in most places. I repeat, Rahmani added, the Ramadan companies which were formed to go to the fronts were sent to the fronts of the war of light against darkness in most places. Altogether the response was very good and we hope that the remaining regions will send their forces to the front as well.

IRGC Minister Rafiqdust Inspects Grenade Factory

GF171340 Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 8 May 84 p 2

[Text] Minister of Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps [IRGC] Mohsen Rafiqdust, currently on a visit to Esfahan, Sunday inspected the grenade manufacturing factory of "Towhid" in Esfahan, affiliated with the Ministry of IRGC. The IRGC minister, praising the efforts of the factory workers, stressed the need for development in the field of military industry of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also reminded that Iran's industrial workers should do their utmost in keeping peace with other sectors of the country.

IRGC Seminars Assess Situation, Foreign Plots

LD152034 Tehran IRNA in English 1520 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 15, IRNA — About 6,000 paramilitary bases and headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps throughout the country today each held a one-day seminar at which foreign plots against Iran and insinuations at the Persian Gulf as well as the various aspects of the Iraq-Iran war were reviewed. The occasion also marked the anniversary of the birthday of Imam Hasan, second imam of the household of the prophet.

In an interview with IRNA, the head of IRGC's chapter of the mobilisation of the mustaz'afin (oppressed), Hojjat ol-Eslam Rahmani, said here today that the seminars focussed mainly on a revision of the successful Khaybar offensive of the Iranian combatants, which had surprised even the most experienced Army veterans throughout the world. Other topics at the seminars included a review of the position of the Iranian combatants at the battlefronts and also an exploration of the ways and means for further strengthening the solidarity of the ulema and basij paramilitary troops of Iran.

Leaders of Friday mass prayers and members of the ulema were also present at the seminars.

Over 40 Rebel Leaders Killed, Captured in Kordestan

LD161756 Tehran IRNA in English 1748 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text]Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province, June 16, IRNA — A 2,000 sq. km. area in the Marivan, Divandarreh, and Saqqez region in northwestern Iran, including 70 villages, has been purged of counterrevolutionary rebels since May 17, a high-ranking military commander said today.

Speaking to IRNA here, the commander of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) in Kordistan Province said in the

five-stage operation "Qa'im Ale Mohammad" more than 40 rebel leaders were killed or captured and a number surrendered to the Islamic forces.

"One of the most important results of this operation was that the leaders of these grouplets did not succeed in escaping and the blow inflicted on them was very significant," he said.

He added that large amounts of documents were seized from the rebels, including the list of the rebels in each group with their photographs, future sabotage operations and arms purchase figures from Iraq. There were also documents on the internal feuding between members and leaders of the counterrevolutionary groups because of the Iraqi arms supplies.

The IRGC commander said 100 rifles, 13 mortar launchers, 30 heavy machine guns, one 106-mm gun, and 30 wireless devices were among the weapons and equipment seized.

He said the Kurdish people of the liberated regions had given a warm welcome to the Islamic combatants and supplied them information concerning the rebels.

"Today the people of Kordestan have recognised the aims of the Islamic Revolution and Republic. Security in the region has become satisfactory and the people of Kurdistan and the Muslim Kurdish Peshmergas handle the security of the region."

Foreign Radios' Propaganda Tactics Blasted

LD151655 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0400 GMT 15 Jun 84

[From the "Review of Foreign Radios" program]

[Excerpt] On the whole, during the past week the main propaganda tactics employed by foreign radios against the Islamic Republic of Iran were as follows:

1. Creating fear and anxiety among the regimes of the region concerning the Islamic Republic of Iran. By creating such a climate of fear, they first of all wished to prepare the ground for the sale of their weapons to those regimes, and secondly, to justify the military presence of world arrogance in the region. The creation of a climate of insecurity and violence was the main aim of the propaganda activities of foreign radios.

2. Covering up Saddam's criminal nature, especially the recent bombardment of towns and residential areas and the propagation of the propaganda myth about Saddam's peace-loving policies and Iran's warmongering activities.

3. Supporting the Al-Quds occupying regime for Saddam to prepare the way for the opening of an Iraqi oil pipeline through occupied territories, with Shah Husayn acting as a middleman.

The entire propaganda apparatus of world arrogance showed its fear concerning the launching of the offensive and its inability to protect Saddam, while it continues its investment to protect the Ba'thist regime ruling over Baghdad.

In any case, the propaganda activities of world arrogance are aimed at preparing the way for an imposed peace. Islamic Iran has repeatedly announced that peace will not be possible while Saddam continues in power and while his crimes continue, yet Saddam's downfall would constitute a major blow to world arrogance. Nevertheless, the fighters of Islam are determined to destroy this germ of corruption and to restore peace and brotherhood to the region.

Briefs

Election to ILO Governing Body — Tehran, June 16, IRNA — The 70th International Labour Organisation conference being held in Geneva elected the Islamic Republic as a substitute member to the governing body of the international labour office with 133 votes, officials said here today. Announcing the above the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs added that the governing body is composed of 56 members, out of which ten seats are reserved for the industrial nations and the rest are elected from other countries every three years. The Executive Council meets three or four times a year in Geneva to decide policy and programmes. [Text][Tehran IRNA in English 1509 GMT 17 Jun 84 LD]